this name. Complaints of general nature are, however, received from the unions functioning in Korba, which receive due attention of the Government. In the absence of specific details, it is not possible to indicate action taken by Government on any particular complaint.

Encroachment in Mirdard Marg, New Delhi

1192. SHRI VISHWABANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is illegal/unauthorised/encroachment made by certain fire wood sellers behind Gandhi Market, Mirdard Road, New Delhi where they have stocked tons of heavy fire Wood logs/coal/coal dust over and above the height of 25 feet on all public land| public footpath from years togther causing danger to the lives and property of Gandhi Market/Government Press Quarters/Hotel Ranjit and other adjoining Government buildings;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Land and Deveopment Officer, Nirman Bhavan and the then Minister of Urban Development vide their letter No. 15-7 (971) 80| 64 dated 10-2-86 and 834|85-ID|746 dated 20-2-86 advised that notice by served on the encroachers to remove the coal and fire wood from the road and damages for unauthorised occupation of Government land also be claimed from them; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite the above directives the encroachers have not been removed and recovery of Government dues on account of damages have also not been recovered from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Notices for removal as well as claiming damages were issued to the unauthorised encroachers on the Government land. As they have neither paid damages nor vacated the Government land action under the provisions of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, for recovery of damages and eviction have been initiated in the Court of the Estates Officer (attached to the Land & Development Office of the Ministry). These proceedings are still in progress.

Government's decision on Eradi Commission Report

1193. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision on the report of Eradi Commission on water dispute; and

(b) if so, whether any step has since been taken to implement it?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The report of the Ravi and Beas Water Tribunal, submitted by it to the Government on 30-1-1987, is under consideration.

Rehabilitation of Handicapped and Blind

1194. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Blinds and Handicapped persons are not being properly rehabilitated and provided jobes in the Government and private sectors to meet the demands;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of handicapped and blinds persons registered in different Employment Exchanges ten years back have not so far been provided any job, if so, what is the number;

(c) whether Government propose to chalk out any social plan under which hundred per cent handicapped and blinds be provided jobs immediately, if so, the details; and

(d) financial implications, if any?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. During the last ten years 58,975 handicapped were provided jobs. The number of handicapped on the live-register as on 30-9-86 is 2,14,159.

(c) and (d) It is not possible for Government to provide jobs to all handicapped blind persons. Self employment opportunities have to be exploited by the handicapped. Government of India have taken up a number of programmes for education, vocational training and economic rehabilitation of the handicapped and blind persons. A note on various measures undertaken for this purpose is given below.

NOTE

Measures undertaken by the Central Government for promotion of employment of the handicapped in Government and Public Sector Undertakings

The Government of India has taken up a number of programmese aimed at promoting economic rehabilitation of the handicapped so that they are brought into a mainstream of life as follows:

(i) Reservation:—3 per cent reservation is given to Physically Handicapped, 1 per cent each for the visual, hearing and orthopaedically handicapped in group C and D posts for appointment in Central Government and Public Sector Undertakings. Similar reservations have been given by the State Governments. The handicapped are also given age concession in the upper age limit and relaxation in the medical standards for entry into Government services;

(ii) 22 Special Employment Exchanges and 40 Special Cells for the handicapped persons have been set up exclusively to help the handicapped persons in their gainful emloyment. Besides the normal employment exchanges also help the handicapped persons in finding out suitable employment;

(iii) All programmes and facilities concessions to the handicapper for increasing the rate of employer of handicapped in Government and Public Sector Undertakings are directed to make them economically independent members of the society. The Government recognises the efforts put in by the voluntary organisations and other private sector companies to enable them provide jobs in private sector and National Awards are given to Private sector companies who have done outstanding work in the field of placement of handicapped persons;

(iv) Self-employment is promoted through the following:

(a) allotment of vending stalls, kiosks and petty shops;

(b) loans from nationalised banks at nominal rate of interest under Differential Rate of Interest Scheme;

(c) allotment of public telephone booths under which handicapped persons retain 40 per cent of the income earned by the booth;

(d) 7½ per cent reservation in distribution of gas agencies, petrol pumps, kerosene depots etc.;

(e) Loans upto Rs. 35,000/- are available under scheme of 'Employment of Educated Youths'.

(v) Handicapped persons also get assistance in self-employment under various schemes for normal person; such as IRDP etc.

Number of disabled children in the Country

1195. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise number of disabled children in the country till December, 1986 and the nature of their disablilities;

(b) what are the facilities provided by Government to them; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to improve these facilities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The National Sample Survey Organisation in 1981 conducted a sample survey of the disabled population in the country covering the handicaps of visual impairment, speech & hearing handicaps and